

LONE KILLER RULING DOUBTED

Warren Report Hit Anew

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — A forensic pathologist who examined the records and materials of the autopsy performed on President John F. Kennedy says Lee Harvey Oswald could not have acted alone.

Dr. Cyril Wecht, Allegheny County coroner, said yesterday at a news conference a two-day examination of the autopsy materials at the National Archives in Washington convinced him that it was "physically impossible" for only one gunman to have slain Kennedy.

Wecht's findings were in direct contradiction not only with the Warren Report conclusion that a single assassin was responsible for Kennedy's death, but also with a report by Dr. George K. Lattimer, the first private physician to examine the X rays.

Wecht said: "The fact is that the physical evidence shows that not any one person could have been a shooter. There had to have been at least two people shooting."

Wecht charged that the single-assassin finding of the lengthy Warren Report hinges on the theory that one bullet fired from a single gun wounded President Kennedy in the back seat of his limousine in November 1963 and also wounded and passed through Texas Gov. John Connally,

who was riding in the front seat.

"The magic bullet theory is the sine qua non of the Warren Report," he said. "It is absolutely untenable from a scientific standpoint."

"I was quite amazed at the pristine shape of the bullet," Wecht said. "When one examines the bullet and the various films, there can be little or no

⁹⁻²⁷⁻⁷² ^{ESDN} question that the bullet did not traverse the body of two men."

He declined to say how many gunmen he thought were involved.

Wecht, a long-time critic of the Warren Report, said he based his findings on an examination last week of X rays, photographs, films, bullets and bullet fragments.